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For the second time in two years, Arthur Thrall, Professor Emeritus of Art and former Charles S. Farrar-Laura Norcross Marrs Professor of Fine Arts, will be honored with a lifetime achievement award.



The Society of American Graphic Artists (SAGA) Council of New York City recently announced it would recognize Thrall with a Lifetime Achievement Award in honor of his distinguished career as a printmaker. Thrall was invited to be a SAGA member in the 1950s.

A grouping of Thrall's work will be exhibited at SAGA's 80th anniversary at the Delind Gallery in Milwaukee during the Southern Graphics Council International Conference beginning March 22, 2013.

In May, 2011, Thrall was recognized by the Museum of Wisconsin Art with the Wisconsin Visual Art Lifetime Achievement Award.

Thrall joined the Lawrence art department in 1964 following the consolidation with Milwaukee Downer College, where he had been a faculty member since 1956. He retired from Lawrence in 1990, but remained an active artist in retirement in Milwaukee.

A painter and printmaker with an international reputation, Thrall has been the recipient of more than 75 awards, including "Artist of the Year" honors in 1984 by the Wisconsin Foundation for the Arts and the Louis Comfort Tiffany Fellowship in Printmaking.

His works have appeared in more than 500 exhibitions as well as the White House and are included in the permanent collections of the British Museum, London's Victoria and Albert Museum, the Tate Gallery in England, the Smithsonian Institute, the Library of Congress and the Chicago Art Institute, among others.

SAGA is a nonprofit national organization of fine art printmakers that was founded in 1915. During its history, its membership has included most of America's foremost printmakers.